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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Art Unit: 37611

Examiner: C.L. Anderson

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated March 8, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-8, 11, 12, 14-17 and 19.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-3869 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$330 for payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-3869 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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